

ROCKY FLATS CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION

October 19, 1998

FACILITATOR: Reed Hodgins, AlphaTRAC

Tom Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

BOARD / EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Barker, Ray Betts, Shawn Burke, Meir Carasso, Tom Clark, Eugene DeMayo, Gerald DePoorter, Tom Gallegos, Victor Holm, Bob Kanick, Jim Kinsinger, Tom Marshall, LeRoy Moore, Linda Sikkema, Bryan Taylor / Steve Gunderson, Jeremy Karpatkin, Frazer Lockhart, Tim Rehder

BOARD / EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Aluisi, Susan Barron, Tom Davidson, Derek Dye, Mary Harlow, Beverly Lyne, David Navarro / Joe Legare

PUBLIC / OBSERVERS PRESENT: Tom Pentecost (CDPHE); Kenneth Werth (citizen); Mark Sautman (DNFSB); Nanette Neelan (Jeffco); Alan Trenary (citizen); Mariane Anderson (DOE); Mary Jo Strong (DOE); Ken Korkia (CAB staff); Erin Rogers (CAB staff); Deb Thompson (CAB staff); Brady Wilson (CAB staff)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No comments were received.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF CAB WORK PLAN FOR 1999: CAB members reviewed the final draft of 1999's work plan, which has been in the development process for the past two months. This plan varies from past work plans in that CAB decided at its September retreat to suspend focus group meetings in favor of two monthly work/study sessions, so Board members could work together for a period of time to develop a "big picture" look at Rocky Flats issues. The ultimate goal of this new approach to issues is to prepare a CAB "vision" for the cleanup and closure of the Rocky Flats site. Board members will work as a whole to educate themselves on the issues, discuss those issues, and develop recommendations or other statements relative to its "vision" for Rocky Flats, which will serve as a foundation for the Board's work in future years. The Board, through its staff, will continue to track activities and issues identified in the work plan, as well as continue administrative and outreach activities. The Board has identified research topics related to technical issues for which independent researchers may be hired. In addition, CAB plans to continue its participation in conversations between advisory boards at

weapons complex sites across the country. The Board will develop a budget and grant application related to its new work plan, scheduled for CAB review and approval at its November work session.

Decision: Approve CAB 1999 Work Plan. APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

DISCUSSION OF THE TERMS "CLOSURE" AND "CLEANUP": To start the discussion, Frazer Lockhart of DOE gave a presentation on the site's perspective of the Rocky Flats Closure Project. DOE defines the end state as an ending point for this specific closure project, although not necessarily for the site as a whole. According to DOE, at the end of the closure project: 1) all plutonium and waste will be transported offsite; 2) all buildings will be demolished; 3) the area will be cleaned up for future land use (64 acres to be capped, 100 acres set aside for industrial use, and the remaining 6,100 acres as open space); 4) surface water will be safe for any and all uses; and 5) long-term monitoring/institutional controls will be in place. Frazer then highlighted the scope of work for the closure project and activities necessary to guide that work; policy and strategy decisions already made by the site, and those still to be made; post-closure decisions that need to be made; as well as prior community positions on the end state.

Next, the Board began its discussion and reaction to the site's presentation. The objectives of this new agenda format were to hear from each Board member, appreciate each other's points of view, and to identify any areas of convergence and divergence. Following are some highlights of the discussion, and thoughts brought out by different CAB members:

- Cleanup is required to reach the end state, and is a part of closure
- Cleanup should be to background when that is feasible and possible; cleanup levels that are technologically achievable should be used for the interim
- Closure is considered to be when DOE finishes its project and leaves, even though the site still may not be cleaned up at that point
- ALARA (as low as reasonably achievable) may be used as an interim standard, a standard better than those set in the Soil Action Levels but still not as good as cleanup to background levels
- A phased approach may be appropriate
- Should cleanup levels be linked to land use?
- Closure involves much more than cleanup; identify and then focus on the elements of closure (i.e. D&D, stabilization, transportation, environmental restoration and management)

Staff will review and summarize notes taken from the Board's discussion, and identify areas of divergence and convergence. Based on that summary, the Board will review and identify next steps at its November Board meeting.

NEXT STEPS DISCUSSION:

Start-up of the Actinide Migration Studies Technical Review Group. At the October 1 Board meeting, CAB approved a proposed method of its involvement in and oversight of the Actinide Migration Studies. Actinide Migration Studies meetings will be held on October 21, and possibly again on November 12. Gerald DePoorter and LeRoy Moore will serve as co-convenors of the Technical Review Group. Several other Board members are interested in working on this project. For information, contact Brady Wilson of the CAB staff.

Planning for Waste Management Topic Discussion. The next "big picture" discussion will be on waste management topics. The discussion will begin at the November 5 Board meeting, and will likely carry over into subsequent meetings. The Board asked to receive a presentation on the basics of waste types and definitions. Staff will compile other specific and general information on waste for the Board's review prior to the discussion at its next meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

Date: November 5, 1998, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. (work session)

Location: Westminster City Hall, lower-level Multi-Purpose Room, 4800 West 92nd Avenue, Westminster

Agenda: Discussion on waste management topics and issues; Outreach Committee report; election of officers

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY: ASSIGNED TO:

1. Prepare final 1999 CAB budget and grant application to accompany 1999 Work Plan - Ken Korkia and Deb Thompson
2. Summarize discussion on cleanup and closure; identify areas of divergence and convergence - Staff
3. Arrange presentation on waste types and definitions; compile information on waste and waste management for the Board's review - Staff

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:35 P.M. *

(* Taped transcript of full meeting is available in CAB office.)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Tom Gallegos, Secretary
Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board



The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board is a community advisory group that reviews and provides recommendations on cleanup plans for Rocky Flats, a former nuclear weapons plant outside of Denver, Colorado.

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